

The Voice
October 2017

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Wells

Worshipping: Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Hot Dish Sale



The youth who are attending the 2018 Youth Gathering are hosting a “Holy Hot Dish” sale following worship on Wednesday, September 27th (at a table near the church offices) and Sunday, October 1st (at a table near the front door of the church & in the basement at coffee fellowship).

The hot dishes will be available in both a smaller square size and a larger rectangle size and will be labeled with ingredients and baking instructions.

All proceeds will go toward the 2018 Youth Gathering accounts of the hot dish chefs.

So, how are the kids?

This year we will have 27 confirmation students at Good Shepherd. *Plus one.* The “plus one” is a High School student who is going to do her confirmation studies independently, at home, with the help of her mother. Please don’t start thinking that this isn’t fair because you had to drive your junior high students to church every single Wednesday evening! Remember that life just isn’t fair.



I’m actually really excited about this non-traditional approach for confirmation education. I’m really glad that there is a High School student and her family who values confirmation even if she is a few years older than the other kids preparing for confirmation. I’m also excited that some of the religious education will take place at home instead of in the church basement. Don’t worry...I will still meet with the student and she will be expected to worship and write her faith paper. But most of the confirmation education will take place at home. Why do I think this is great? I think it is wonderful because parents SHOULD be the primary religious educators for children! Churches and pastors should only reinforce what is being taught at home.

One thing you can do to help this happen in your home is to encourage faith discussions at home. It’s okay if you don’t know the answers to all the questions your kids might ask--the very fact that they are asking questions that might make you struggle shows they are working through their faith questions. No one, not even your pastor, knows the answer to every question that might be asked. Even when you don’t know the answer, you can teach them a lesson by trying to figure out some answers together. One night I got a phone call at 9 p.m. from a father asking me about whether the devil was a person with a red suit. His daughter challenged him with that question at bed time that night. Call me if you have questions about the devil’s clothing choices or any other questions that might stump you.

One good place to start the faith discussion with your family is to tell your kids about how your faith developed when you were child. Tell your kids about the church you attended as a child. If you and your spouse came from different traditions, talk with them about that. If you have relatives who attend a different church, help your kids understand the differences so they can learn to value differences.

And most importantly, think very carefully and intentionally about the decisions you make for your family that may keep them from regular attendance at worship. There are so many choices that pull us in different directions all throughout the year. Generations ago, nothing was scheduled that would conflict with worship and of course, that has changed. Today, to live as a Christian who worships regularly means we have to go against the tide of how many people live today. Consider carefully, what you are teaching your kids when you don’t worship regularly...is that the lesson you want them to learn about the importance of God in their lives?

Don’t expect your kids to have a deep faith in God if you don’t encourage it at home. Sociological studies of youth have shown that kids rarely surpass the faith life and spirituality of their parents. They will come to value what you taught them to value through your words and your actions. They will read the Bible if you are reading it with them. They will worship as an adult if they worship with you. You, as the parent, are in the position of greatest influence to raise a child who will become a faithful and spiritually mature adult.

How are your kids doing? See you in worship, Pastor Mary

Service Group 2

Will be serving in the month of **November**. Service Group will sign up for jobs on Wednesday and Sunday, Oct 4 & 8, 2017. Members are encouraged to sign up for several things. Please note that though children are not mentioned by name, they are an important part of the service groups. All members of the Service Group are encouraged to be in prayer for their church and its pastor.

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| Kathy & Elmer Ehlert | Chris & Jen Lutteke | Mildred Sailor |
| Ardene Breitzkreutz | Ruth Majeski | Tim & Amy Stenzel |
| Ryan & Amy Crabtree | Alan Mattick | Wallace & Pat Stenzel |
| Mary Foley | Julie Mattick | Maxine Thorson |
| Alvin Fuchs | Teresa Meyer | Dan & Julie Treptow |
| Gordon Hansen | Keith & Stephanie Miller | Jackie Voigt |
| Dan Hummer | Mary Nehring | Thomas & Cindy Wood |
| Jon & Jackie Huper | Andrea Neubauer | Edie Zabel |
| Betty Korman | Lori Placek | Barbara Ziegler |
| Shirley Lesto | | |



Come to Senior Saints on Wednesday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments. Program to be determined. Everyone 55 and older who attends is invited to share in the meal that is provided by the October service group.

September Ministerial Acts:

Funeral - Arleen Klingbeil who died on Aug. 3, 2017

Marriage - Kristen Ovrebo/Dustin Dylla on Sept. 9, 2017

Jordan Meyers/Jason Buendorf on Sept. 23, 2017

In Christian sympathy - Leonard Cihlar who died on Sept. 4, 2017



Wednesday Nights at Good Shepherd

Wednesday Night Supper

Served 5:00–6:00 p.m.

KIDS EAT FREE every week! *Kids who are in 12th grade and under eat free!*

Adults: Suggested donation of \$4. This continues to be an important ministry in our congregation.

Menus for October:

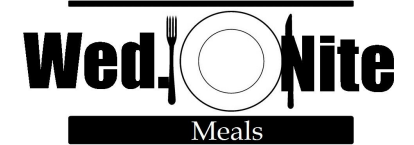
4 -Spaghetti & Meatballs

11 -Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes

18 - Tater Tot Hotdish

25 - Lasagna

(Available each week for children: mac & cheese, hot dogs/chips, or PBJ sandwich)



Wednesday Night Worship

6:15–6:55 p.m.

Whether you are busy on the weekend or prefer a more casual worship setting, please remember that this alternative worship service takes place each week. Music is led by piano and vocal and the sermon each Wednesday is the same as the following Sunday.

Wednesday School and PB & J Class

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Classes have resumed for students that are ages 2-preK (in the PB&J Class)and kindergarten through grade 6 (in Wednesday School). Students should be dropped off and picked up in Classroom 1 near the church offices. Students will be helping lead worship occasionally. NOTE: NO Wednesday School/PB&J on October 18 (MEA weekend).

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays 7:00-7:45 p.m. ~ Church Social Hall

Confirmation classes have started for 7th and 8th graders. Pastor Mary is leading the class and the focus this year is Martin Luther, the Old and New Testament of the Bible and the sacraments. NOTE: NO Confirmation Class on October 18 (MEA weekend).

Connect Groups

Would you like to feel more connected with our Good Shepherd congregation? The Fellowship/Outreach Ministry Team is continuing “Connect Groups” this fall that will focus on various interests that people might share in common.

- ___ 1. Dinner groups (Pot luck meals shared, or going out to eat together)
- ___ 2. Card or game playing groups
- ___ 3. Cooking/recipe groups
- ___ 4. Bible study group
- ___ 5. Book study groups
- ___ 6. Attending movies, or plays
- ___ 7. Monthly coffee get together(s) on a weekday morning
- ___ 8. Arts and crafts (meeting to do art type projects together)
- ___ 9. Other _____

Please check any of the above items that you might be interested in.
List any ideas that you have that we do not have listed. We would like this by October 8.

Name _____ Phone _____

Christmas in Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

Life Abundant ~ A Celebration of Christmas during the 500th Year of the Reformation

December 1, 2, 3 (3:30pm and 7:30pm)

Cost: \$30 per ticket

If we gather 5 or more people, there is a 20% discount for the worship service and smorgasbord buffet. The discounted offer is available through October 15 but regular priced tickets can be purchased as long as they last. Call the church office if you would like to go as a group from Good Shepherd.

Connect Groups

Dinner Group

On October 15th we will be having a potluck at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone who enjoys sharing good food and company is invited to attend.

Games Group

We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall on Sunday, October 15th. Enjoy an evening of playing cards or games together. Feel free to bring your favorite game or a deck of cards.

Mystery Dinner

Mark your calendars for a Mystery Dinner to be held on Sunday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and car pool to the mystery dinner destination. Sign up will be required, and you will be paying for your own meal. Watch for more information in the November Voice.

Three Upcoming Youth Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Kindergarten - Grade 2

Sunday, November 12 at 11 a.m.-11:45a.m.
Thanksgiving Event

Grades 5-7

Saturday, November 11
at 2pm-5pm

Grades 8-12

Sunday, November 5
at 2pm-5pm

Good Shepherd Chopped Cooking Challenge

Do you like food? You will have a blast as we have a fun cooking challenge together. You may bring a friend. No cost for the event but sign up is required by Wed, November 1.

9th Graders to be Confirmed

Sunday, October 15 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd 9th graders who have completed their requirements will be confirmed on Sunday, October 15 during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. They have worshiped, put their faith into action through service to others, they have learned and written about their faith in God and will have met to discuss those papers with Pastor Mary during October. Confirmation Rehearsal (and pictures) will be on Saturday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m. Please pray for our 9th grade confirmation students as they step forward in faith: Hope Garcia, Mariah Lutteke, Landan Magnuson, Kylie Niebuhr, Hannah Olson, Arianne Schaper, Cole Schroeder, Riley Staloch, Alyson Swanson and Riley Willner.

Butter Braid Pastry Sale

Fundraiser for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

The Youth Gathering kids are selling Butter Braids, frozen flaky braided fruit filled pastries. The youth will sell after worship on Sunday, October 8 and after worship on Wednesday, October 11. You can also stop at the church office to place your order. Orders will be received October 8 through October 25 and will be delivered for distribution on November 15, just in time for you to enjoy them over Thanksgiving and Christmas! Thanks for your continued support of the youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering UPDATE

Hurricane Harvey hit the host city of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Thousands of people are beginning recovery efforts in the gulf coast. The Youth Gathering WILL be in Houston, Texas next summer and they will be ready for the tens of thousands of ELCA youth who will descend upon the city in June, 2018. The youth will be participating in "service learning" days to go out into community to serve and learn. Because Hurricane Harvey, that means that our participants might be listening to their stories and learning about the hurricane. It might also mean that they may be doing some relief work following the hurricane.

Our youth continue to raise funds as they plan for the trip. A special thanks to Kent Stern and Bill Groskreutz, Jr. for coordinating the September 10 pancake breakfast. After expenses a total of \$400.40 was raised for the Youth Gathering trip.

October Birthdays

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| 1-Holden Allard Tammy Mandler Dennis Sellner | 13-Sharen Stern Jessie Willner-Manges 15-Wesley Diekmann Lyle Stern | 20-Scott Berg 21-Blayze Stern Brody Stern Michael Winstead |
| 2-Noah Boeck Ciara Schrader | 16-Connie Schultz Nicole Swanson | 23-Dale Tatge Barb Ziegler |
| 3-Craig Anderson Amy Crabtree Jackie Huper | 17-Lisa Mershon Tessla Morton Tyson Morton | 24-Braden Rucker 25-Carl Forderer 27-Chloe Lutteke |
| 4-Reggie Rebelein 5-Mark Niebuhr Jaelyn Stangler | 18-Brennan Magnuson Dennis Rollenhagen | 28-Bonnie Beckmann Jase Crabtree Megan Ehlert |
| 7-Jim Willner 8-Paige Diekmann | 19-Mike Christensen Gladys Johanson | Chelcie Tolzmann 29-Dave Foley Nathan Stern |
| 10-Travis Placek 11-Hayden Allard 12-Colin Becher | Marshall Tatge Nora Theede | |



October Food Collection

During the month of October we will collect food donations of canned stews and soups. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in September of nuts for cooking or eating.

Bible Study with Pastor Mary

Sunday, October 29 at 10:15am in the basement Social Hall

This year Pastor Mary will lead Bible Studies each month on a Sunday morning following worship. This month the Bible Study will focus on the Reformation and will be held following worship on Sunday, October 29, the day we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Gather on a table near the stage in the basement Social Hall and Pastor Mary will lead the Bible Study. *Please note: when Pastor Mary leads Bible Study, you don't have to speak but can listen, if you would prefer!*



Joy Circle

Oct 5, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Bible Study Leader: Group

Hostess: Bring a sack lunch

The Apostles' Creed

Session 2: I believe in Jesus Christ...

Love Circle

Oct. 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

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(Please submit articles and pictures of events happening in the Church to the church office to be posted on the web site.)

Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7

at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Ushers for October 2017

9:00 a.m. Jon & Pam Melby,
Tom & Lynne Hansen

Bulletin & Voice Dates to Know:

Bulletin Articles are due Thursday **before 8:30 a.m.**

Voice Articles for November 2017 are Due Oct. 19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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